

**Subject: The District Budget discussion Monday April 14,2002 repeated on Shaw ;Cable on Saturday April 19 at ;9 am**

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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

I urge you to watch the District Council 2003 Budget discussion which will be shown on Shaw Cable ( Channel 4) this coming Saturday at 9 am.

I guarantee that when it comes to incredulity regarding how your tax money is, has and will be spent you will not be disappointed. Did you know that Aristotle, Adam Smith, Ricardo, Marx and Kenneth Galbraith to mention but a few of the worlds great economists had it all wrong?

Did you know that Mayor Don Bell et all know much better. Did you know that living from hand to mouth is better than money in the bank? Well now you know, for the great fiscal experts now presiding over your assets, your finances and your taxes have said so in so many words.

They have turned thousand year old fiscal pillars upside down - black is white and white is black, debt is good and money in the bank is not good. All other municipalities in the Lower mainland or indeed anywhere including West Vancouver and the City of North Vancouver have it all wrong. We got it right, so what if they have what we do not have because we have squandered our money including our infrastructure reserves and our Heritage Fund etc.


But listen yourself to the debate. Seeing is believing. There is one question you should ask yourself however, and it is this, how did we manage to sink so low and what will the fiscal consequences for each and every District resident be should an emergency arise such as a catastrophic rainfall or flooding to mention but one scenario?

As I said, Saturday 9 am on Shaw.

Be sure to watch it and make also sure you have a handkerchief handy.

Ernie

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